dertake large scale purchase of raw jute at minimum support prices fixed by the Government;

(ii) Sufficient credit has been placed at the disposal of Jute Corporation of India for undertaking price support operation;

(iii) A directive has been issued *on* 6-9-85 by Jute Commissioner to all working jute mills in the private sector to build up stocks of raw jute to specified levels so as to step up purchases of raw jute by mills;

(iv) The Jute Corporation of India has been permitted to export a limited quantity of raw jute.

Minister's discussion with exporters/ importers

1077. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during Sixth Open House discussions with exporters/importers in August, 1985. the Minister had made the announcement that merchant export would be allowed to become manufacture export house subject to fulfilment of growth rate in the category in which they were recognised initially; and

(b) if so. what are the details of instructions issued in this regard?

THE MINTSTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes^ Sir.

(b) It has been implemented vide ITC (PN) No. 45/85-88 dated 4-11-85, copies of which are available in Parliament Lbrary.

Implementation of workers' Participation scheme in Public Sector Units

1078. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will ihe Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased *to* refer to the answer to Starred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that *recently* he had approved the scheme regarding workers' participation in public sector steel units; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to overcome the multiplicity of trade unions to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRl K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of Aluminium Research Development and design centre

1079. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of STEEL ND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 606 _given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 and state;

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of the Aluminium Research, Deve lopment and Design Centre has since been approved by **the** Public Invest ments Board and Government;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) what further developments have taken place in the establishment of the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) The proposal for setting up of the centre is yet to be approved by the Public Investment Board & the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not aris.e